Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on all India basis, including in the State of Karnataka, through the State Governments/UTs, with effect from 1.12.1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the Urban unemployed or under-employed poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States. During the year 2002-03, funds amounting to Rs. 580.09 lakh have been allocated to the State Government of Karnataka for implementation of SJSRY.

(b) Under the scheme, the targets are left to be decided by the State Government in accordance with the guidelines of the scheme and the result of beneficiary surveys.

Under the scheme Central funds amounting to Rs. 4422.49 lakh have been released to the State Government during 1997-98 to 2002-03. Based on the reports received from the State Government till 30th June, 2002 funds amounting to Rs. 9081.88 lakh (including unspent balances of Old UPA Programmes and the State share) have been utilised by assisting 28452 persons through setting up of micro enterprises, through imparting training to 95121 persons and by generating 61.87 lakh mandays of work.

(c) SJSRY is the only Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme being implemented by this Ministry and the same has achieved good progress in Karnataka.

Delhi becoming slum

†2613. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi is going to become a slum in near future due to gross negligence towards environmental aspects; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check that Delhi does not become a slum?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) It is not correct to say that Delhi is going to become a slum in the near future. Provision of housing, infrastructure, services, green areas etc. has been made by various local bodies and development authorities in Delhi from time to time within the frame work of planned development. Steps have also been taken by the Government for decongesting Delhi. The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) set up in 1985 formulated the Regional Plan 2001. The Plan aims at decongesting Delhi to attain a balanced and harmonized development of NCR. It seeks to achieve its objectives through an inter-related policy framework relating to population, settlement system, regional land use pattern, environmental factors, economic activities and infrastructural facilities etc.

Since inception, the NCR Planning Board, has financed 172 schemes of which 84 schemes are complete and 88 schemes are at different stages of implementation.

Municipal reforms project in Karnataka

2614. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Municipal Reforms Project of Karnataka Government has been referred to the World Bank;

(b) the number of cities/urban local bodies of the State proposed to be covered under the above project;

(c) the cost of above project; and

(d) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The proposed Concept Note of the Municipal Reforms Project of Karnataka Government was posed to the World Bank by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs on 10.4.2002. 50 cities of the State of Karnataka